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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FRENCH REACTION TO FAA AND EPA

RELEASES RE CONCORDE SERVICE

1. FRENCH PRESS AND RADIO REACTED FAVORABLY TO FAA  
ISSUANCE OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)  
AND EPA'S ISSUANCE OF PROPOSAL FOR SST NOISE LEVEL,  
WITH BOTH MEASURES SEEN AS LIKELY FINALLY TO OPEN THE  
DOOR TO CONCORDE SERVICE TO THE US. PRESS STORIES  
DO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT PROCEDURAL STEPS IN US  
ARE STILL NOT COMPLETED, AND AFP NOTES THAT  
DECISION OF CAPITAL IMPORTANCE WILL BE THAT OF NEW YORK  
PORT AUTHORITY THAT HAS YET TO BE HEARD FROM.

2. IN RADIO INTERVIEW STATE SECRETARY OF  
TRANSPORTATION CAVAILLE WELCOMED ISSUANCE OF DRAFT  
EIS AS "GCOD NEWS", SINCE HE SAID THAT PENETRATION  
OF US MARKET WAS ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE FOR  
CONCORDE OPERATIONS. FROM TECHNICAL STANDPOINT  
INAUGURATION OF SERVICE TO US COULD COMMENCE NEXT  
JANUARY. QUESTIONED ON POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASE OF  
CONCORDE BY US CARRIERS, CAVAILLE REPLIED THAT ONLY  
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WAY TO SELL CONCORDE TO US CARRIERS WAS TO BUILD UP

AN AMERICAN CLIENTELE AMONG CONCORDE TRAVELERS, WHICH WAS POSSIBLE ONLY IF CONCORDE COULD SERVE US POINTS.

3. LATER IN THE DAY CAVAILLE ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE BRIEFLY DESCRIBING EIS PROCEDURAL STEPS AND INDICATING THAT USG DECISION ON ACCEPTANCE OF CONCORDE IN US COULD OCCUR PRIOR AUGUST. FAVORABLE DECISION WOULD ENABLE CONCORDE SERVE DULLES BUT INSOFAR AS NEW YORK IS CONCERNED "THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES THERE, INDEPENDENTLY OF THE FEDERAL DECISION, MUST APPROVE CONCORDE'S USE OF THEIR AIRFIELD."

4. PROPOSED RULE ON SST NOISE LEVEL IS MENTIONED BY PRESS ONLY IN PASSING, AND SATISFACTION IS EXPRESSED THAT EXCEPTION FROM FAR 36 STANDARDS IS ENVISAGED FOR PRESENT GENERATION CONCORDES. NOTHING IS SAID ABOUT APPLICABILITY OF PROPOSED RULE TO CONCORDES THAT MIGHT BE BUILT FOLLOWING PRESENTLY PROGRAMMED PRODUCTION RUN OF SIXTEEN AIRCRAFT.

5. COMMENT: UNLIKE UK AS REPORTED STATE 40597 AND LONDON 2827, GOF HAS NOT VOICED ANY CONCERN OR EVEN RAISED WITH EMBASSY QUESTION OF EPA PROPOSALS ON SST NOISE LEVEL. CONSEQUENTLY WE AVAILED OURSELVES OF DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY IN STATE 45312 AND DID NOT INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THEN PENDING ISSUANCE OF EPA PROPOSALS. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO REACTION FROM THAT QUARTER. WHEN IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION OTHER CIVAIR MATTERS TODAY WITH CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, WE ALLUDED TO ISSUANCE OF EIP AND FAVORABLE FRENCH PRESS REACTION THERETO. CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE SAID FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN REPORTING THESE DEVELOPMENTS BUT FOREIGN MINISTRY DID NOT YET HAVE TEXT OF EIS, WHEREUPON WE UNDERTOOK SEND HER ONE OF OUR COPIES.  
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